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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) The Government have examined in consultation with the Board of Revenue, the possibilities of absorbing the persons in the Revenue Department including those in the South Arcot district affected by the Separation Scheme, in several other departments such as the Commercial Taxes Department, Criminal Judicial Department, etc. Orders have also been issued to absorb them in some departments. The question of absorbing them in a few other departments is still under consideration. Every possible attempt is being made to provide for the reverted and discharged persons of the Revenue Department.

" (*b*) No; but proposals have been received from the Board of Revenue for providing for the reverted personnel of the Revenue Department for the State as a whole and these are under consideration."

MR. SPEAKER :—" This question has come before the House in several forms."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Sir, as very many senior men affected by reversion are working simply as upper division clerks in South Arcot district, may I request the Government, in addition to paying attention to the problem, to pay attention expeditiously?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes, Sir."

Strength and qualifications of Executive Officers appointed under the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act.

* 1304 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Executive Officers in the State under the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act;

(*b*) the minimum qualifications prescribed for the post of Executive Officers;

(*c*) how many Harijans applied for these posts in 1952; and

(*d*) how many of them were selected?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) 595.

" (*b*) The qualifications prescribed are—

(1) For the I and II grades, a degree of Law; age-limit 35 years;

(2) for the III grade, a degree in Arts and Science; age-limit 30 years;

(3) for the IV and V grades—the minimum educational qualification prescribed for entrance to Government services; age-limit 27 years; and

(4) for the VI grade—a pass in III Form; age-limit 25 years.

"(c) None.

"(d) Does not arise."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" எக்சிகியூடிவ் ஆபீசர்களில் ஒருவர் கூட ஹரிஜன வகுப்பைச் சேர்ந்தவர் இல்லை. அந்த இலாகாவில் ஹரிஜனங்களை ஆபீசர்களாக நியமித்தால் இந்த நாட்டிலிருந்து தீண்டாமை வெகுவாக துரத்தப்படும் என்ற உண்மையை உணர்ந்து அரசியல் திட்டத்தின் மூலம் ஹரிஜனங்களை எக்சிகியூடிவ் ஆபீசர்களாக நியமிக்க திட்டமிட்டிருக்கிறார்களா என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்."

9-50 a.m. THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" When applications were called for, nobody applied."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" இந்த **Executive** ஆபீசர்களை சர்வீஸ் கமிஷன் தேர்ந்து எடுக்கிறதா அல்லது சர்க்காரே நேரடியாக தேர்ந்தெடுக்கிறார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Deputy Commissioners and Assistant Commissioners do it."

Sale of salt by weight.

* 1305 *Q.*—SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state why the sale of salt by weight is ordered only in the City of Madras and why the same procedure has not been extended to all the areas in the State?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Though orders were issued that salt should be sold by weight in Madras City, the orders have not been enforced so far, for want of adequate staff and equipment which could not be sanctioned in view of lack of funds. The question of creating an enforcement organization is under consideration. The feasibility of extending it to all other areas of the State will be taken up after watching the results of the working of the measure in Madras City."

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR :—" It is not correct to say that extra expenditure will have to be incurred for this because the present staff who are enforcing the Weights and Measures Act in respect of other articles of consumption can very well do this also. Are the Government aware that consumers are put to heavy loss by the sale of salt not by weight, even though an Act has been passed long ago and that Act has been before the Government for a long time without being implemented?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It is not as if the existing organization could do this work also. It requires extra staff and that means finding more money. The question, however, is under the active consideration of the Government."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know what is wrong in continuing the present system of sale of salt by measure? "